



Housing Committee

Three-Star Program

Long-time inhabitants, as well as potential new residents, desire a varied selection of durable, attractive homes. The availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing factors into companies successfully attracting new workers, expanding, and prospering. Communities **must** identify and eliminate current housing problems and project future needs while considering how housing development will impact the environment and community infrastructure.

Responsibilities of Chairperson(s):

- ✓ **Develop a Housing Committee** to promote a comprehensive, coordinated approach to address housing issues. This approach will promote thoughtful community and economic development while enhancing and sustaining the quality of life. The following groups **should** be represented on the committee: Construction, Real estate, Mortgage lending, Housing authority or equivalent non-profit group, Residents, Faith-based organizations, Senior citizen organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, City/ county government, including the local code official/planner.

This list is not exhaustive. A community **should** consider inviting interested parties not included here to participate.

- ✓ **Policies, Procedures, and Action Programs-must** complete at least three of the following:
 - a. Adopting a code-enforcement program for new and existing housing
 - b. Adopting a revitalization program to remove or rehabilitate substandard housing
 - c. Develop a community policy regarding publicly subsidized housing. The Housing Committee will study the relationship between prevailing wages and the cost of living to determine specific housing needs.
- ✓ **Host a homeownership fair** in conjunction with National Homeownership Month (June) or some other local event (such as the Community Celebration component.)
- ✓ **Host a fair housing event** in conjunction with National Fair Housing Month (April) or some other local event (as above).

- ✓ **Governor's Housing Conference** – members of the Housing Committee can attend the annual housing conference.
- ✓ **Comprehensive Housing survey** - The Housing Committee will survey the existing rental housing to determine the rent structure and quality and availability of suitable rental units.

- ✓ **A progress report of the committee should** be presented to the local legislative body a **minimum of two (2) times per year** to be included in the minutes of the local legislative body. Report format provided by the REDS.
- ✓ **Reports will be due by _____ and _____.**